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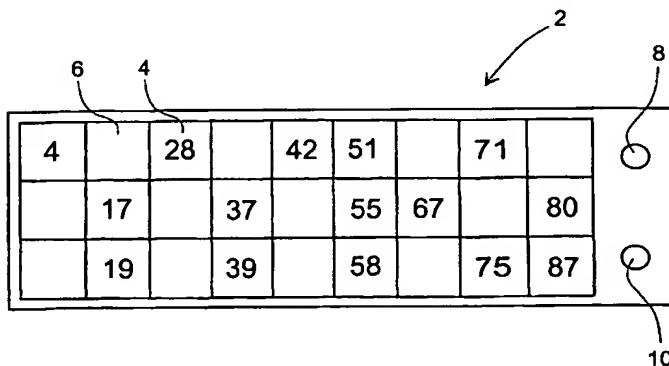
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an electronic board for playing banko or bingo comprising rows and columns forming squares containing numbers, and which board 5 comprises printed numbers in at least some of the squares formed in rows and columns. When the board is in use during playing the game, a caller transmits drawn numbers to the players, where players mark drawn numbers on the board, where a game ends when a player has marked a defined number of rows or columns and switches the caller. It is the object of the present invention is to provide a manually operated electronic board for banko or bingo comprising means for marking numbers transmitted from the caller in order to avoid the use of coins or pieces of paper for marking. This can be achieved if a board as described in the opening paragraph also contains at least printed numbers in the rows and columns, and comprises electronic switches that are activated by pressing the numbers by the player's fingers, which switches activate marking elements placed in conjunction with the pressed number, which marking elements remain activated during the game. In playing the game, the player can operate the board in a way very similar to that used in traditional game playing. To the player, touching the number and activating the switch instead of placing a marking element on the number very much resembles manual board playing. In addition, the risk of removing markings by accident is totally eliminated. Just pushing a switch is much easier for the player than using the known marking methods, and allows the player to be more concentrated on the transmission of drawn numbers. For some very skilled players, this invention even enables them to operate several boards simultaneously.

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